

FREDERICK COUNTY HEALTH CARE COALITION - AVAILABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

January 16, 2008

ATTENDEES: Elizabeth Chung, Amy Gunnarson, Leigh Joos, Dr. Marilea Miller, Jeffrie Normoyle, Robyn Sheppard, Jim Williams

Review of 11/28/08 Committee Meeting Summary - No questions or changes

Executive Committee Meeting Update - Leigh summarized recent meetings and reports from other committees; of note, the Affordability Committee is planning a resource guide focusing on assistance programs (MA, MCHP, etc.); since this will be their primary focus with more detail than we provided on our committee's guide, we will probably want to omit this info from our guide once theirs is complete. Also, there had been a delay in posting minutes to the coalition website while FCHD's site was being reformatted, but minutes up through Dec. should now be available. Discussion at the last meeting primarily involved discussion of progress on Community Foundation grant.

Old Business:

Prenatal Clinic/FMH - Amy Gunnarson provided an update on the clinic and shared flyers with basic information; a press release has not yet been done due to concerns with initially overwhelming clinic numbers. Staffed by Certified Nurse-Midwives with a bilingual receptionist (formerly of the FCHD) and a FCHD staff person present each day to assist with MA applications and referrals to other resources, the clinic has already been very busy and response has been extremely positive. The clinic accepts 3 MCOs and will see late term pregnant clients, who private practitioners generally would not see. Open Tues, Thurs, and Fridays 8-4:30; 240-566-4444
This information will be added to the Resource Guide.

Additional update to Resource Guide - FCAA is now accepting Maryland Physician's Care MCO

Community Foundation/Frederick County Health Access Program - A meeting with the Community Foundation was held to discuss utilizing them as the fiscal agent for the coalition and discuss how grant money will be dispersed; dispersals from the fund will require signatures of two Exec. Committee members. The Program Coordinator position has been advertised (deadline for application was 1/15) Dr. Douge', with Executive Committee members, Dave Liddle and Helen Monk, will screen/interview candidates and be responsible for oversight of the coordinator.

The Community Foundation will be able to accept donations, both monetary and in kind, on behalf of the coalition; a press release will announce the Frederick County Health Care Coalition Fund (date to be determined) and the Foundation has offered further assistance in PR efforts for fundraising .

New Business:

Revision of Committee Goals/Actions - There was much discussion regarding the need for outreach to the community to ensure that residents are aware of resources available; the opportunities to be present at various community events was discussed as well as the potential for distributing information through churches, school activities, and local health-oriented television programs. Elizabeth Chung shared information about the upcoming Lunar New Year Celebration, Feb. 16th, TJ High, at which a number of community organizations will have tables of information and wondered if the coalition might want to distribute any materials. (This will be further investigated by Leigh.)

The need for marketing and outreach for the purpose of gaining additional coalition members/volunteers as well as for fundraising was also discussed. Some Executive Committee members has previously proposed that the currently "dormant" Needs Assessment Committee

might evolve into a Marketing Committee but this has not yet occurred/been agreed upon.

The meeting concluded prior to the development of new goals; Leigh asked that members email her with their suggestions and she will work on a draft to be finalized at the next meeting.

Next Meeting - February 27, 2008, 4-5:30pm in the FMH classroom area.